

5 November, 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : [] AC/WH/PW

SUBJECT: PW Conference in []

1) The main themes discussed in [] between CWH, WH/PW and the [] were:

- A. Present PW facilities in the Central American area;
- B. The means of PW support for the Guatemalan anti-Communist movement; and the -
- C. Feasibility and means of Central American PW support of any possible activity of RUFUS.

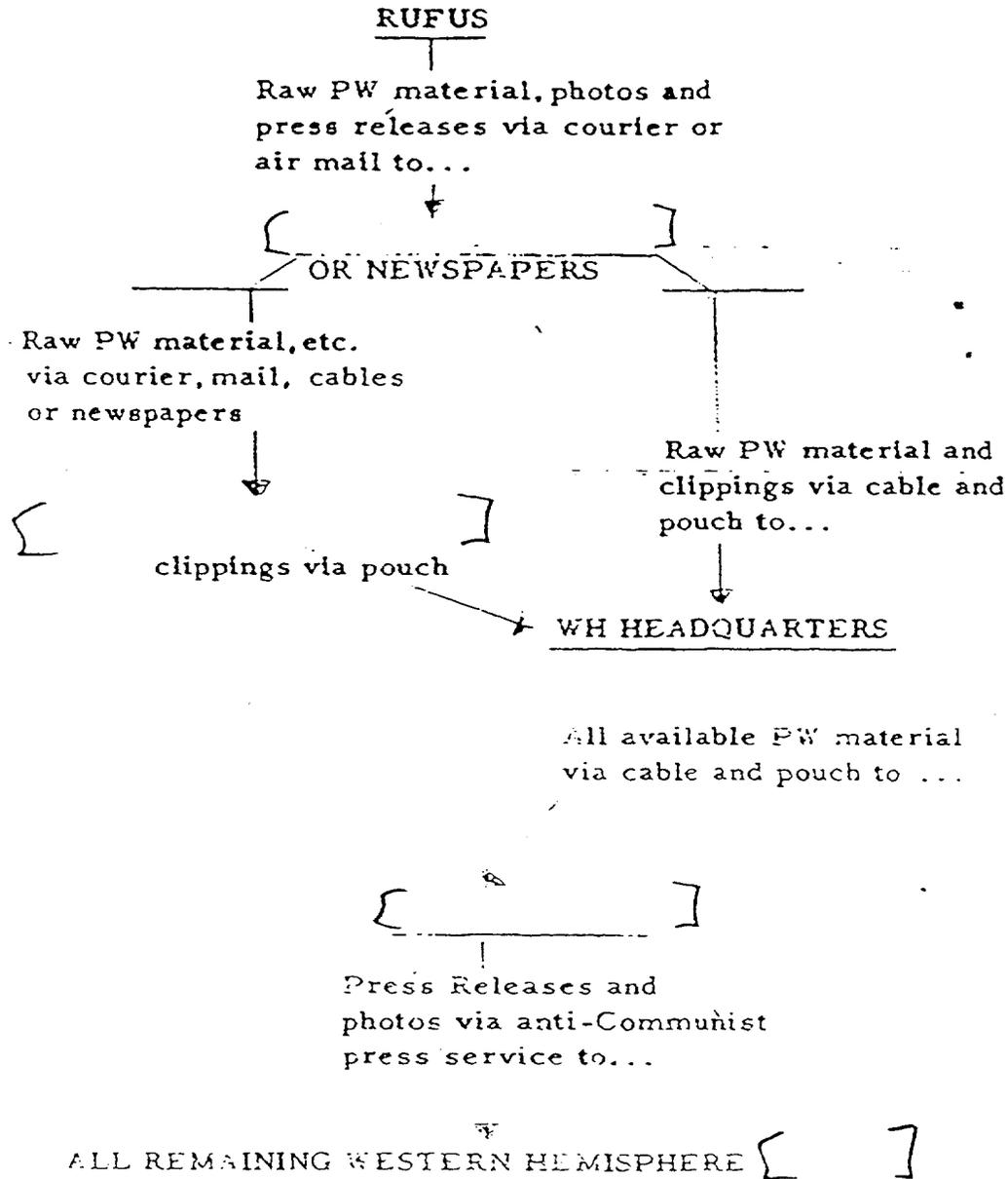
2) It was concluded that, with proper support with specialists and money from Headquarters as indicated in project [] all it [] will be able to give PW support to any PW campaign or action on the part of RUFUS and/or any other Guatemalan anti-Communist.

3) Our contact with RUFUS reported the following:

- A. RUFUS has read and rewritten the "30 day plan", including all the major themes (see attachment);
- B. Material for the " plan" will be printed in Guatemala. All facilities are ready for immediate use. The estimated cost of production will be \$5,000.
- C. RUFUS is presently reprinting 1,000 copies a week of a Guatemalan anti-Communist bulletin [] [] The expenses are being borne out of the personal funds of RUFUS.
- D. RUFUS is creating a PW team and arranging for the covert dissemination of the "30 day plan" PW materials and any latter propaganda to be used in combat and consolidation.
- E. All possible propaganda will be printed as soon as funds are made available to insure better dissemination when the time is ripe.

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4) The following chart is an illustration of the means of promoting the widest dissemination of PW themes. It was agreed upon as the most efficient and secure means of accomplishing our objective:



5) [] have stated that they are able to support any future RUFUS PW on the following themes:

- A. RUFUS forces represent a popular uprising;
- B. RUFUS forces are acting in defence of the Guatemalan Constitution;
- C. The Guatemalan Communists were plotting complete subjugation of Guatemala;
- D. Guatemalan government arms have been sent by the Soviet orbit countries;
- E. Guatemalan government is only a tool of the USSR;
- F. Participation of the other Central American Republics in the uprising indicate a higher prestige and prosperity for Guatemala under RUFUS;
- G. Guatemalan army atrocity stories and pictures; and
- H. Any material on RUFUS and supporters and their aims.

6) [] will initiate the following actions if feasible:

- A. The [] populace will be ordered to arrest any fleeing Guatemalan Communist agents, who finding themselves unable to operate any longer in Guatemala, are attempting to re-establish themselves in neighbor countries; and
- B. In the event that Arbenz escapes to [] a press release will be sent to the [] newspapers, allegedly from Arbenz, stating that he was held a prisoner by the Communists. Newspapers will check this story. He will have to accept or deny his Communist affiliations. Either way there is a story. Any further action against Arbenz will depend on his own attitude.

7) [] will be responsible for the following actions:

- A. Alert all [] if any high Guatemalan official hides out in the Soviet Embassy []

B. Attempt to prevent important statements from
[] which would
support the present Guatemalan government; and

C. Immediately expand the circulation of the Guatemalan
anti-Communist news bulletin [] so
that it will be familiar to all important Latin American
newspapers.

8) Miscellaneous data:

A. RUFUS is studying the PW use of liquidation lists;

B. The means of preventing the rise of Communist
martyrs is being considered by RUFUS and WH/PW;

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A PREPARATORY PLAN OF PROPAGANDA FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

ANTI-COMMUNIST

Nov. 1

A poster showing Stalin trampling on the flag and Constitution of Guatemala.

Nov. 2

The text of article 32 and a promise of its complete fulfillment.

Nov. 3

Posters with patriotic and religious themes.

Nov. 4

An attack on the Communists by press, radio and leaflets.

Nov. 5

An appeal to all the Christians to unite in a fight against Communism, and an appeal directed to the members of other religious sects.

Nov. 6

By means of pamphlets, list the principle Communists accused of being traitors to their Country and their religion.

Nov. 7

Continue with the same subjects as those mentioned for the 4th, 5th and 6th days.

COMMUNIST

Nov. 1

Circulate leaflets, signed by any Communist cell in Guatemala, which favor a national religion. These should be distributed in a semi-anonymous manner and in a small quantity.

Nov. 4

A Communist alert calling together all their followers for the defense of "the revolution" against an armed movement planned by the reactionaries for the night of 12 November.

Nov. 7

Accuse the Christians of plotting against the government and accuse the clergymen of participating in national politics demanding a revision of the permissions granted to the nuns and jesuits and prohibiting the wearing of their robes on the streets.

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Nov. 8

Publication of the first draft of the minutes of a Communist session, thus:

1. Establishment of a National Church.
2. Colonization of new lands as a means of political domination - and the dissociation of family and social ties necessary for the complete establishment of a Communist regime.
3. The official establishment of a party police to collaborate in the support of the regime.
4. A study of the possibility of acquiring a number of Russian teachers, for the schools.
5. The establishment of the Russian language as a means of communication, both inside and outside of the Party.
6. Elimination of the clergymen who oppose the realization of a National Church.
7. Collection of funds among the affiliates and sympathizers of the Party for the erection of a monument to the greatest leaders of the workers of the world.
8. A study for the change in the patriotic symbols - (Flag, National anthem and Coat of Arms)
9. To request a law for urban reform, with an equal distribution of dwellings.
10. Free discussion.
11. Close of session.

Nov. 9

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A poster depicting Russian dominance over the Guatemalan government.

Poster denying the veracity of the meeting and accusing the Catholics of forgery, and of plotting against the government of Col. Arbenz, and, in addition, presenting Catholicism as anti-Nationalist and idolatrous.

Nov. 10

Answer to the anti-religious poster and a request for the union of all the Christians in a fight against Communism.

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Nov. 11

A petition to the people that they show their repudiation of Communism and their loyalty to their religion and Country by placing posters in their homes and businesses. (Posters: WE ARE ANTI-COMMUNISTS FOR GOD AND FOR OUR COUNTRY)

Nov. 12

The placing and dissemination of anti-Communist posters.

Nov. 13

A poster depicting the tortures that the Communists have used in Guatemala.

Nov. 14

Point out, by means of pamphlets, the principle Communists of Guatemala and the positions that they occupy in the government.

Nov. 15

Nationalist and anti-Communist propaganda.

Nov. 15

A general appeal to the proletariat for the defense of the October revolution, endangered by the projects of the reactionaries, who, plotting with some of the unrecognized officials and members of the Party within the country will try to undermine the constitutional order on the morning of the 22 of November.

Nov. 16

Mockery of the fears of the Communists.

Nov. 16

Posters blaming the opposition for national restlessness, accusing the pardoned politicians of having supported subversive organizations, "Biting the hand that gave them the bread of freedom", asking the government for action against those evil patriots who handicap the great social purposes of the Revolution.

Nov. 17

A defense of the pardoned members and a pamphlet denying the intention

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Nov. 17

to overthrow the government by force; ridiculing the fear of the Communists.

Nov. 18

A notice on the creation of a splinter-group of Communists who refused to be guided by Russia and wanted a National Communist Party - resembling the APRA.

Nov. 19

Nationalist propaganda ridiculing the idea of erecting a statue to the great leaders of the workers of the world.

Nov. 19

A furious denial of any speculation concerning the dissention within the Communist ranks and re-affirming their strength, preparation and unity to be used against the enemies of the Revolution.

Nov. 20

National and anti-Communist propaganda, showing the crimes committed by the Communists.

Nov. 20

A petition to the people so that with their assistance, the Communist Party may acquire a greater number of representatives in Congress and may comply with what was suggested by their followers during the campaigns and presidencies of Dr. Arevalo and Col. Arbens.

Nov. 21

Petition so that the Communists will not be able to enter nor remain in the National Congress.

Nov. 22

Petition for the local excommunication of Communists.

Nov. 23

Declare a "boycott" of all Communists.

Nov. 24

Lists of Communists to be distributed by means of leaflets.

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Nov. 25

Denounce the Terrorist Plan of the Communists (a Bogotazo) ready to be executed.

Nov. 26

An appeal to the surrounding people to integrate the Committees of Defense in their districts.

Nov. 26

An enraged denial of the Terrorist Plan and an accusation attacking the clergy and the opposition - accusing them of conspiring with high military officials for the overthrow of the government - for this reason the President is asked to fill the positions of greatest responsibility with military men of known loyalty to the October cause.

Nov. 27

An offer made by the Committee of the Districts to the authorities to maintain order in any circumstances.

Nov. 28

Accusing the Communist Party of possessing arms and explosives and a claim of a tour of inspection - pointing out one of the deposits.

Nov. 29

A petition to the people asking them to refrain from going out of their homes at night except for worthy reasons. (Sickness and Work)

Nov. 29

A petition to the members of the Party to remain alert for an opposition attack on the government with their phoney Committees of Defense, offering the government their unconditional aid, adding that although many of them are disarmed, they will be ready to defend themselves in the districts when the moment is designated.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE
FOR SEPTEMBER

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PRO-COMMUNIST

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| 1. 32 Poster - Dios y Libertad, with cross and no. 32. | |
| 2. | Communist statement following line of how Guatemalan Communist love Catholicism. (Handbill) |
| 3. The ArchBishops statement on Communism (Handbills). | |
| 4. Explanation of 32 and get rid of Communism in Guatemala. (Poster) | |
| 5. Religious poster - one with Stalin in sheep's clothing. | A Communist alert to the effect that rumors say that an attempted revolution will begin Saturday. Mobilize all forces (Handbills) |
| 6. Stalin and the local Communist party stamping on 32 and the little people labeled "derechos", "libertad", etc. | Provide evidence of a Communist splinter group through a poster, handbill, claiming this group to be a real Nationalist "communalistic" group such as the ancient Indian population had. |
| 7. ----- | -----SUNDAY----- |
| 8. Poster ridiculing the Communist alert of the 5th. | Communist blame all trouble on the ignorance of Catholics - ridicule the Virgin of Guadalupe and quote their leaders. (Handbills) |
| 9. List of Communist Fronts which are violating Art. 32 of their very existence and support of Communism and the USSR. | |
| 10. Comment on the formation of the Communist splinter group. | Communists again point to immediate dangers and request a show of strength for the following day. |
| 11. Poster showing fronts as backers of atheism and the destruction of Guatemalan liberty for the glory of - not Guatemala - but solely for the USSR. | Communist request for funds to be sent to the Soviet embassy in Mexico, or to the Guatemalan Treasury. |
| 12. Poster showing government disregard for Art. 32 and the betrayal of the Guatemalan Constitution. | Communist invitations to a fiesta-- free food, drink and entertainment. All paid for by the Soviet Embassy in Mexico, the local Communist Party and the Guatemalan government. |

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13. Poster ridiculing the alert of the 10th. Communists deny payment by the USSR Embassy. Claim money for fiesta is only from local Party and Guat. Treas.

14. -----SUNDAY-----

15. Poster and handbill on Communist treatment of Catholics in all nations where they are in control. Handbill commenting on the use of funds from the National Treasury for a Communist fiesta.

A copy of minutes of a meeting between top Communists in Guatemala is discovered. These minutes should deal with: (1) Establishment of a new national Communist church to worship Stalin; (2) Arbitrary resettlement of the population to destroy family ties; (3) The establishment of Guat. NVD; (4) The importing of Soviet teachers for better education of Guatemalans; (5) The establishment of Russian as the first language in Guatemala to be used in all official communications; (6) The destruction of all existing churches, and the summary imprisonment of all clerics; (7) The abolishment of Sunday as a legal holiday; (8) The construction of 100 statues honoring Stalin and Lenin; (9) A new Guatemalan flag and a new constitution modeled after that of the USSR. AND ANYTHING ELSE WHICH WOULD CREATE ANGER ON THE PART OF THE GUATEMALAN PUBLIC.

16. Handbill naming leaders of Communist fronts who have betrayed Guatemala and their religion. Keep simple and to the point.

Communists again call for mobilization for the 17th. Communists deny "plan" even though such things may have happened in other Communist nations; they say that these things could never happen in Guatemala.

17. Poster calling attention to Communist plans.

Splinter Communist group claims that all funds collected are going to high Communist Party members and the USSR. None for Guatemala.

18. Handbill pointing out that the Guatemalan Government has done nothing to back up article 32 of the Constitution nor any other article except those that better the cause of the USSR.

Communists report that funds are not being received by the USSR Embassy in Mexico. That this will make the USSR angry at Guatemala and to all Guatemalans who should owe allegiance to the Soviet Union.

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19. Handbill denouncing all phases of the Communist plans. Keep brief, concise and play on all sentiments of populace.
Invitations to a meeting where the Soviet Amb. to Mexico will speak. Also Lombardo Toledano, Luis Carlos Prestes and Diego Rivera and any other Communist who would be hard to get. Also promise the presence of certain high government officials of Guatemala.
20. Poster showing statues of Stalin everywhere - Soviet flags with caption: "If this is Guatemala, where are the Guatemalans?" or something to that effect.
21. -----SUNDAY-----
22. Poster naming Communist leaders in Guatemala calling them traitors to Guatemala, labor, their Church and their families.
Communist apologize for other false alerts and say that the real danger is on the 23rd - all workers excused from work to defend their homes.
23. Handbills stating: "Why are the Communists afraid? What is there to be afraid of? Are they afraid that patriotic Guatemalans will turn against the men who would sell us out to Moscow?"
Splinter group calls attention to the needs of the Guatemalans, but points out that funds are going to the USSR. Don't support Communist or these men. Name leaders of the local party and Commie fronts.
Communist invite public to pay homage to the new President of Guatemala, Marshall Stalin.
24. Handbill reacting to Communist desire to pay homage to Stalin. Suggest people pay homage to genuine Guatemalans and get rid of people who pay homage to a foreign ruler. Name Commie leaders in the Guatemalan government.
25. Poster calling attention to the statement of the Guatemalan Arch Bishop.
Communists again call for an alert of people and especially the labor groups who have been armed by the government.
26. Poster illustrating some of the Communist plans.
Communist splinter groups attacks the senseless alerts, but suggests that it might be a good thing for Guatemala if the people arose and got rid of the people who are apparently so enamoured with the USSR.

27. Poster ridiculing the continuous alerts which obviously are more expressions of a guilty conscience of those who have so brazenly sold out Guatemala to the USSR. Name the prime targets with evidence. From this day on try to issue conflicting orders on government letterheads, via the telephones, through mails, handbills, etc. to sow as much confusion and unrest as possible.
28. Name the traitors and their backgrounds.
29. Same on request action.
30. A call to arms to protect the Constitution and Guatemala.

In the event of action it will be advisable to publish the names of those who are on the side of God - spread rumors to the effect that Communists have fled Guat. and are hiding in the USSR Embassy in Mexico - spread the word that other Communists have used Party funds to build fortunes in other countries and have already departed or are preparing for immediate departure - gain control of the radio and cite control of various locales - loudspeakers and leaflets should reiterate the Communist plan - and plants in labor and the Communist part of the armed forces should spread conflicting orders via every available means. Rumors to the effect that some army unit carry the Soviet flag rather than the Guatemalan one, but that the USSR has withdrawn moral and financial support of the local party for bungling the Guatemalan situation. Rumors should be spread that the Communists outside of Guatemala have denounced their comrades and any other rumors which would affect the morale of the troops such as saying that there is a boat waiting for all Officers who have party cards - troops will be deserted, etc.